**B** **Japanese society**

**Home Life**

First is home life. Have you ever seen Japan’s lifestyles? We introduce our breakfast, bath, dinner and bed. The first is breakfast.

1. Long time ago, most Japanese people ate traditional Japanese foodand dishes. For example, rice, pickled ume (vegetables), nimono (seasoned vegetables), salad, miso soup (pasted beans soup) and green tea. They were very healthy and kept us healthy. However nowadays, Japanese food costume has been changing. Japanese people prefer western meals such as toast, salad, yoghurt and coffee than traditional Japanese foods. Because people of today are so busy, they choose a more convenient style.

②Next is Japanese bath. Japan’s bath has some variations. This is a popular bath. It’s like western one. This is a bath set, tub, brush, and towel. Last is Japan’s traditional bath called ”Goemon-buro”. It is so small, so only one person can take a bath at a time.

I'll introduce about Japan’s dinner and bed room.

1. After school, we get back home and eat dinner. We have not only Japanese food but also Western food. Generally, we have dinner with our family surrounding dinner table such as low dining table called “Chabudai” in Japanese. Some people have supper alone. I have dinner by myself when I get home late, because my parents work late.
2. Japan’s bedroom. This is futon. There is a mattress and a quilt. We spread out the futon when we sleep. In the morning, we get up and fold up and put the futon away in the closet. Some people use beds.

**Japan’s trade**

I will tell you about Japan’s trade. Japan’s best five trade partner countries are The United States, China, Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. About one fifth of Japan’s trade partner country is America but nowadays trades with Asian countries are more and more increasing. Japan’s exports is sixty five trillion six hundred fifty six billion five hundred million yen. It is the fourth largest amount of all the nations. Japan’s main exports are transportation machine such as carriages, electric machines such as semiconductors which are set in computer and electrical appliances. Japan’s imports are eight trillion seven hundred seven billion two hundred million yen. It is the sixth highest amount of all over the world. Its best five countries are China, the United States, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Australia. Japan’s main imports are mineral fuel such as oil, coal, natural gas, electric machines such as parts of electric appliances such as TV or cell phones. Japan exports many industrial products to all over the world. Lastly, Automobiles of Toyota, Matsuda, Nissan and Isuzu are one of the products we Japanese are proud of. We are also proud of electronics companies such as Sony and Panasonic. On the other hand, we depend too much on foreign nations for importing materials and exporting Japanese products. For example, we rely on other countries for most of natural resources. Therefore, it is essential for Japan to have good diplomacy with other countries.

**Japan’ s religion**

The constitution of Japan prescribe freedom of religion.　The 20-30% of adults in Japan take a positive attitude for religion.　The number of Shinto (traditional Japanese religion) is about 106 million people, Buddhists are 96 million people, Christians are 2 million people, while people with other religion are 11 million. The population of Japan is 128 million. However, according to our research, 215 million people believe no religion. Why is population of Japan less than population of believers of any religion? It means that many annual events which are cultivated in Japanese cultural climate are based on daily practice among peoples. So people participate in these religious events without considering they are religious. Shinto does not clearly have doctrine. For example we set a household Shinto altar called kamidana and dedicate some money as offering at Shinto shrine. Therefore believer of these religions are more than the total Japanese population. Let me introduce two annual events based on a daily practice among people. The celebration of 7,5,3 year-olds is the day for children aged seven, five and three. Seven and five and three are lucky number in Japan. They visit a shine to wish children’s healthy growth. Also, we visit a shine on the New Year’s day. They pray happiness and prosperity for the coming year.

**Japan’s Politics**

I will tell you about Politics.

He is a prime minister of Japan. His name is Kan Naoto. He was elected in 2010. Please look at this graph. This graph shows you the population of each age. Our social problem is that the population of young ages is decreasing, while the population of old ages is increasing. This phenomenon means in total Japan’s population is decreasing. So the government is taking some measures to combat this problem.